

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Mike Lawlor, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management, *Laura Cordes*, Executive Director, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence, *Judge Patrick L. Carroll*, Connecticut Judicial Branch, *Josh Howroyd*, Legislative Program, Department of Children and Families, *Merit Lajoie*, Complaint Officer, Office of the Victim Advocate, *Gerilyn O'Neil-Wild*, Director of Legal Advocacy, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Karl Lewis*, Director of Programs and Treatment, Department of Corrections; *Michael Hines*, Assistant Director of Adult Probation & Bail Services, Court Support Services Division; *Carlton Giles*, Chairperson, Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Chris Rapillo*, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office; *Loel Meckle*, Assistant Director of Forensic Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Tom Saadi*, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs; *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, State Department of Education; Office of the Victim Advocate; *Dora Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, *Chief James Kenny*, Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association

I. Introductions

- a. This meeting was broadcast on CTN. <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15341>
- b. Members present introduced themselves.

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. Welcome was provided by Chairperson Mike Lawlor.
- b. Chairperson Lawlor spoke briefly regarding the Reimagining Justice Conference that occurred on May 30, 2018 at Cheshire Correctional Institution. And commended the staff at the DOC for their efforts during the conference.
- c. The Monthly Indicators Report was discussed briefly regarding chart 2a, - Changes in the women's pretrial population

III. Approval of Minutes from April 2018

- a. Minutes were approved with two amendments to the CCADV and DMHAS sections.

IV. Commission Correspondence

- a. No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentation

- a. There was a presentation by Fred Hodges and Jeff Grant from Family Re Entry.

VII. Agency Updates

Public Defenders Office – On September 28th at Quinnipiac Law School there will be a Tom Ullman Symposium on Courageous Advocacy occurring in memory of Tom Ullman.

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence– They were at the 2018 Reimagining Justice Conference representing victims of crime and noted there is still work to be done, there are still misunderstandings of the perspectives of crime victims and victim's advocates. CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence was featured at the Henry Lee Institute Spring Seminar on sexual violence, they presented on the sex assault kit initiative and the progress on the approximately 1,000 untested kits in Connecticut. They also spoke about this progress at last month's OVA conference. Due to lack of funding the evidence commission investigation, sex assault forensic examiner rapid response program within about 1/3rd of CT emergency

departments won't be expanding. The Evidence Commission is committed to continue to train emergency management department personal on collection of sex assault evidence, about 50 ER Staff on June 4th an 7th, and continue those about 2 or 3 times a year moving forward.

DMHAS – No update

DESPP – Acquired money beyond bond funds from DOJ grant to equip troopers with body cameras that integrate with dash cameras. This will be rolled out 2 troops at a time. DESPP is beginning the Environmental Assessment Process of this shooting range in Griswold. The range will teach people how to shoot, and judgement of seeing something and respond to it and protect the public and yourself. There is another important bill singing this morning on bump stocks.

CSSD – 2015 treatment pathway program in Bridgeport, diverted 150 people out of Bridgeport corrections diverted into treatment program, this was expanded to New London and Torrington, and now with money from SAMPISA they will expand this program to Waterbury on July 1st. JRI numbers were 2,638 interviews in this year, the first 3 months, released 1,611 released, mostly into residential services, 227 to residential treatment, total releases were 1,086. Moved a JRI employee to York to assist in screening there at York CI.

Judicial Branch – Logistical and budgetary challenges of placing 31 new judges in the field deployed of Tuesday of next week. Judicial Branch is working on the JJ Transfer with DCF.

DCF – They are working with CSSD on the JJ Transfer, specifically on case specific planning of the 170 youth to be transferred to CSSD.

OVA – OVA attended the Reimaging Justice Conference and appreciated the opportunity to be at that conference.

CCADV – Dual arrest bill passed – PA 18-5 which requires only arrest of dominant aggressor, definition of this and training around this issue. This goes into effect Jan 2019.

DOC – Prison and jail pop is down 1000 people from last year. Counts this morning are 13,417 – a 24 year low, essentially all of that number is the sent population, the community population is up 3% from last year. Mike Lawlor noted that a big proportion of that community population is special parole. The women's specific version of the TRUE unit is called the WORTH unit, opening June 7th at York CI.

BOPP – 70 pardons last month, 38 through expiated process, and 32 through the full hearing process.

DVA – SB 287- Clarifying the definition of veteran did not pass, so if any agency has question about the definition of veteran they can reach out to the DVA Office. PA18-47 did pass, OTH or other than honorable bill, those diagnosed with PTSD, TBI, or victims of military sexual trauma who received an other than honorable discharge from the US Military, then get a cert from a medical specialist that the diagnosis predated their OTH, through a standard of proof, these OTH, who were previously not eligible for state services, they are now eligible for all state based veterans services as if they were to have gotten a honorable or general discharge. This is not at the federal level, the CT State level only. The final bill SB223 did not pass also.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOC – no update

Behavioral health – no update

Victim issues –no update

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Chairperson Semple adjourned the meeting at 10:30